

Amendment No. 1 to HB3015

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2928

House Bill No. 3015*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated 50-6-207(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (E):

(E) If a treating physician determines that pain is persisting for an injured worker beyond an expected period for healing, the physician may refer such injured worker for pain management, encompassing pharmacological, non-pharmacological and other approaches to reduce or stop pain sensations. Such injured worker shall be presumed to have reached maximum medical improvement at the earliest occurrence of the following:

(i) The treating physician determines the injured worker has reached maximum medical improvement; or

(ii) One hundred and four (104) weeks after the commencement of pain management pursuant to the referral of the treating physician.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010 the public welfare requiring it.